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This act allows workers' compensation insurers to maintain a jumbo retention limit, meaning an amount equal to ten times the low retention limit. Retention limits are the amount a workers' compensation insurer must pay for workers' compensation benefits before the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association will begin covering the insurer's losses. This change is effective January 1, 2018.

The low retention limit is changed to \$500,000 for 2016, with the board of the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association making adjustments to this amount in the future, with approval from the commissioner of labor and industry.